

## Buchanan Announces Human Resources Subcommittee Hearing on "The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm"

House Human Resources Subcommittee Chairman Vern Buchanan (R-FL) announced today that the Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled "The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm" on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 2:00 PM in room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building. At the hearing, Members will examine the effectiveness of programs designed to address parental substance abuse and protect children from harm. Members also will explore state efforts to better use data to identify and serve children most at risk due to parental substance abuse, and the impact of the substance abuse epidemic on the child welfare system.

In view of the limited time available to hear witnesses, oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing. A list of invited witnesses will follow.

## **Details for Submission of Written Comments:**

Please Note: Any person(s) and/or organization(s) wishing to submit written comments for the hearing record must follow the appropriate link on the hearing page of the Committee website and complete the informational forms. From the Committee homepage, <a href="http://waysandmeans.house.gov">http://waysandmeans.house.gov</a>, select "Hearings." Select the hearing for which you would like to make a submission, and click on the link entitled, "Click here to provide a submission for the record." Once you have followed the online instructions, submit all requested information.

ATTACH your submission as a Word document, in compliance with the formatting requirements listed below, by the close of business on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. For questions, or if you encounter technical problems, please call (202) 225-3625 or (202) 225-2610.

## **Formatting Requirements:**

The Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record. As always, submissions will be included in the record according to the discretion of the Committee. The Committee will not alter the content of your submission, but we reserve the right to format it according to our guidelines. Any submission provided to the Committee by a witness, any materials submitted for the printed record, and any written comments in response to a request for written comments must conform to the guidelines listed below. Any submission not in compliance with these guidelines will not be printed, but will be maintained in the Committee files for review and use by the Committee.

All submissions and supplementary materials must be submitted in a single document via email, provided in Word format and must not exceed a total of 10 pages. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.

All submissions must include a list of all clients, persons and/or organizations on whose behalf the witness appears. The name, company, address, telephone, and numbers of each witness must be included in the body of the email. Please exclude any personal identifiable information in the attached submission.

Failure to follow the formatting requirements may result in the exclusion of a submission. All submissions for the record are final.

The Committee seeks to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are in need of special accommodations, please call 202-225-1721 or 202-226-3411 TTD/TTY in advance of the event (four business days notice is requested). Questions with regard to special accommodation needs in general (including availability of Committee materials in alternative formats) may be directed to the Committee as noted above.

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